

Communists Barred From International Trade Union Federation by A. F. of L.

Zurich Congress Was Decisive Factor In Excluding Russian Reds From Affiliation.

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An informative statement regarding the influence of European governmental dictatorships on the International Federation of Trade Unions and

the day played by the American Federation of Labor in barring from membership in the United States the Russian Federation of Trade Unions were contained in the statement made by the 1920 convention of the American Federation of Labor in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Although the I. F. T. U. suffered a severe blow from the destruction of their affiliates by Nazi Germany, the Russian Federation of Trade Unions in Poland and other countries suffering from the ravages of the Russian Revolution, there was a net gain of 100,000 members for the Federation of Labor Unions of the United States.

The activities of the International Federation of Trade Unions since the close of the convention in the following year, the 1921 Convention in International Federation of Trade Unions, which was held in London, England, are also adopted.

The International Federation of Trade Unions, which was brought into being largely as a result of the Russian Revolution, was the prospect of meeting the new needs of the workers in the world who were sweeping changes have taken place in the world.

Within the last year no less than four national centers that had representation in the I. F. T. U. have withdrawn as a result of Russian exploits in Nazi Germany, Czechoslovakia and Poland, Denmark and Maine, formerly of the I. F. T. U. have now been taken into the Third Reich. Austria experienced a similar fate a year ago.

Today, even as we meet in annual convention, the linking of Soviet Russia with Germany, Italy and Japan is a letter.

"After a debate on this question of the admission of the Russian trade union members, the assembly finally voted down the proposal for the admission of the Russian delegates and adopted the proposal as proposed by the American States' Rights League, which recommended that they discontinue further negotiations with the Russians in line with the action taken by the assembly in meeting the previous year."

Was It Commended?
Determination to Bar
Russian Reds

of mutual assistance and economic collaboration may mean the suppression of other national centers which have previously enjoyed membership in the International Federation of Trade Unions.

Democracy Defended by Trade Unions

"And yet the purposes for which the International Federation of Trade Unions were brought into being re-

"More and more it is clear that the

trade union is the bulwark of democracy and the sure defense against totalitarianism. By the same token free trade unions can function best only under a government which is controlled by democratic principles.

Millions Added to Membership

"When the Eighth International Trade Union Congress met in Zurich, Switzerland, on July 5th of this year, it was confronted both by

changes in membership and also the necessity of taking some appropriate action to meet the changes which were going on in many different countries.

"While cordial welcome was ex-

ded to the delegates from new centers of the United States and New Zealand, it had to say farewell to Danzig, Memel and South West Africa, as well as South Africa and Greece. But the net gain to the Fed-

"The International Federation of Trades Unions mapped out a program of activities to be carried out by each of its twenty-three centers."

There were, first of all, a series of studies projected dealing with the problem of industrial councils, hours of work and economic policy. While these studies at the moment will have to be postponed, it disclosed the range of activities which the International

Federation of Trades Unions is prepared to explore.
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Mills on Same Wage and Work Level.

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Providence, R. I.—The Executive Board of Woolen and Worsted Work-

ers of America, affiliated with the United Textile Workers of America, American Federation of Labor, held their quarterly meeting at their headquarters here January 21.

local unions from Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Rhode Island attended the meeting and reviewed the progress made by the union in the past three months.

Reports of wage increases up to 20 per cent have been secured by the Federation and the meeting voted to continue its campaign until all mills are on the same wage and work assignment level.

Plans were made for the convention of the Federation to be held in Providence on April 27 and 28, and a committee on arrangements was appointed. Joseph Sylvia, president of the Fed-

The Federation office announced after the meeting that former U.T.W.A. locals, now connected with the C. I. O., are expected to return to the Federa-

Francis J. Gorman, chairman of the United Textile Workers of America's Executive Council, addressed the meeting, stating that the union represents 100,000 workers in the textile industry, and that only Woolen and Worsted workers are eligible for membership.

Frank Scarnato, Federation organizer, with a delegation from Norw, Massachusetts, reported that they have negotiated wage increases for